

**Obama's silence not quite a golden gift for Putrajaya**  
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Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor has done a great job of deciphering US President Barack Obama's silence over Putrajaya's sedition blitz as tacit support for Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"Now we know the truth – that Obama supports whatever action Datuk Seri Najib Razak is taking.

"All these stories (on the sedition blitz) are the doing of the opposition. It is their aim to make our country look bad abroad," the cabinet minister said today.

Of course, if Obama was to make some noise, Tengku Adnan and the 34 other ministers in the Najib administration would jostle to be the first to jump and ask him to mind his own business.

Such is the vagaries of Malaysian politics that silence or rather ignorance, is proof of support.

But Tengku Adnan should save his pomposity for another occasion.

The only thing that Obama shares with Najib now is a low approval rating among voters. Like the Malaysian PM, Obama's critics argue that his time in office has been short on substance, and big on slogans and promises.

Like Najib, he gave a speech to the United Nations that sounded good. Sound familiar?

So getting "endorsed" by a major disappointment in the White House is not something to crow about. Fact is, Tengku Adnan appears to be clutching for straws just to justify Putrajaya's sedition blitz.

In the same way, Malaysians especially the opposition, should end this infatuation with getting the support of the US, Australia or others for their cause. There is not much use in going around the world asking for support because it really won't matter in Malaysia.

It also smacks of desperation by the opposition. The world has always been about permanent interests, not permanent friends. No one is going to lift a finger to help as long as their ties remain prosperous and beneficial with Malaysia.

Only Malaysian voters matter. Obama, Abbott and the others will sell Malaysians down the creek when it suits the interests of their countries or their interests. It is time we grow up and take destiny in our own hands.

Our future does not depend on any foreigner's silence or supportive words. It depends on us doing the hard work for a better Malaysia. – November 2, 2014.

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